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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated May 9, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as follows:

--1. (Amended) A method for accurately activating an actuating means comprising sending a control command signal to the actuating means whereby said means is directed to actuate itself in a desired direction, and supplying the actuating means with a polarity having a voltage that coincides with the control command and

thereby eliminates any other direction of activation, said method requiring at least three lines to the actuating means, namely two voltage supply lines and a control line.--

--2. (Amended) A device for driving an actuator unit via a drive unit, said drive unit comprises a voltage supply input, at least one polarity control input, at least two voltage outputs, wherein the polarity of a signal at the voltage outputs depends on the at least one polarity control input with a signal, and a control input; and said actuator unit comprises a drive motor and at least two voltage inputs which are operatively coupled to said at least two voltage outputs, wherein the drive direction of the drive motor is determined by the polarity of the signal at the at least two voltage inputs and the drive motor is operated in at least one of the drive directions only when the control input is supplied with a predefined control signal.—

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